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## **Fertilizers Europe statement – Explosion in Beirut**

The European fertilizer industry is deeply touched by the tragic events in Beirut.

While little is known at this stage, media reports indicate that ammonium nitrate have been part of the explosion.

Safety is a top priority for us and our partners in the fertilizer industry. Fertilizers of all types are safe when handled correctly. Through certification programmes and regular trainings, Fertilizers Europe continuously strive to ensure fertilizer products are produced, transported and stored safely and securely across Europe.

From media reports, we gather that the authorities of Lebanon continue to investigate the cause and look forward to the outcome of those efforts.

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